and message sets, said server being automatically configurable upon receipt of a selection message from [by] said personal computer to communicate with the desired telephony environments.

8.   A computer telephony server for interfacing a plurality of computer telephony applications programs to one of a plurality of telephony environments, the plurality of environments being accessible to the computer telephony server, said computer telephony server comprising:

means for communicating, using a common standardized message structure set, with at least one computer telephony application;

a translation layer for translating messages from the standardized message structure set to the message structure set of any one of plural telephony environments;

means for selecting one of said telephony environments upon receipt of a selection message from said applications programs.

9.   The [method] system of claim 4 wherein said telephony application is a call routing application.

10.   The [method] system of claim 4 wherein said telephony application is a database driven dialing application.

REMARKS

All the pending claims are rejected by the Examiner either under 35 USC 102(b) or 103(a) in view of Flisik. (U.S. Patent No. 5,414,762). The applicants have amended claims 1, 6,

8-10 and deleted claims 11-12 without prejudice. The applicants respectfully traverse the rejections based on the amended claims.

In the amended independent claims 1 and 8, the applicants have added a distinguishing feature that the server further comprises means for selecting one of said telephony environments upon receipt of a selection message from said applications programs. Independent claim 6 is also amended to include a similar feature that said server is automatically configurable upon receipt of a selection message from said personal computer to communicate with the desired telephony environments. This feature teaches a technique in which a particular telephony environment is actively selected by an application and the CT server is configured accordingly upon receipt of the selection message from the application. This is supported in the disclosure on page 5, line 17 – 21 of the original specification. This cannot be found anywhere in Flisik. Flisik does not teach that the server (the functionality command converter) is configurable with a library of function command routines, but it does not teach or imply that the configuration of the server is actively selected by the application.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 6 and 8 are not anticipated by Flisik and are therefore patentable. Claim 4, which includes all the limitations of claim 1, is also patentable. Dependent claims 3, 5, 7 and 9-10, which include all features of one of the above independent claims 1, 6 and 8 are therefore also patentable at least for the above reasons.
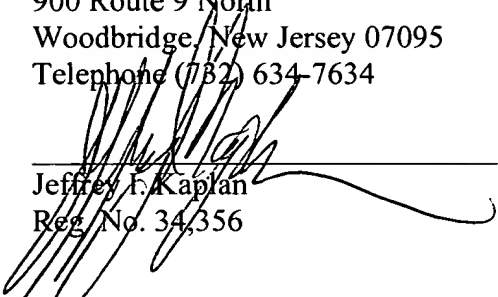
Therefore, the applicants believe the present invention as defined in the amended claims is patentable. Reconsideration is here respectfully requested in view of the amended claims and the above remarks.

The Examiner is authorized to deduct additional fees believed due from our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

KAPLAN & GILMAN, L.L.P.
900 Route 9 North
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095
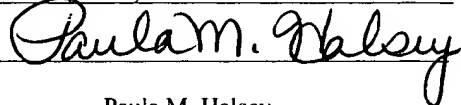Telephone (732) 634-7634

DATED: April 24, 2001

_____
Jeffrey I. Kaplan
Reg. No. 34,356

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal service as first class mail, in a postage prepaid envelope, addressed to Box Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on April 24, 2001

Dated _____April 24, 2001_____

Signed _____

Print Name _____Paula M. Halsey_____

5